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What's New?

The New Color version of *You Can Go to College* Brochure

The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) and The Student Loan People are proud to announce the new middle school color brochure *You Can Go to College* for distribution to students. Depending on the number of middle school students at your school, you may receive additional copies in separate envelopes.

This brochure focuses on the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) and other sources of financial aid and urges students to study hard. Other helpful financial aid and higher education tips are included in this brochure.

KHEAA and The Student Loan People are excited to promote the *Getting In* series, which replaces the STEP books for students in high school. These include *Getting Started* for Freshmen, *Getting Set* for Sophomores, *Getting Ready* for Juniors and *Getting In* for Seniors. And like the *You Can Go to College* brochure, these publications are in color and written in a more student-friendly manner.

If you need additional copies, you may contact Robin Waldner at one of the above addresses or numbers. Additional copies, if available, will be distributed as soon as possible. *You Can Go to College* is also on KHEAA's Web site www.kheaa.com.



KEES to Your Students' Futures

Now is the time to start promoting the KEES award to your students. Even though their middle school grades aren't applied to their KEES award, making good grades now will help them be prepared when they're in high school. Be sure to pass the following information to them.



- ✓ The students will need to take at least five courses each year of high school and earn good grades. If they make good grades in high school, they improve their chances of getting accepted into the program of their choice and earning scholarships to help pay for college.
- ✓ Students need to earn at least a 2.5 GPA or better at the end of a high school year in order to qualify for the KEES award. KHEAA will send them notification after each year you qualify.

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KHEAA and The Student Loan People publish the *Counselor Connection* to share information about student financial aid, college preparation and college planning. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Please send them to tballard@kheaa.com.

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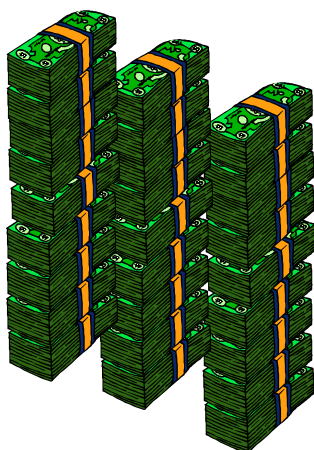
Scholarships are worth from \$125 up to \$500 each year based on grades.

- ✓ **Bonus awards** are awarded for at least a 15 on the ACT or 710 on the SAT, and a bonus up to \$500 is a possibility, depending

on the score. KEES awards can be used at any participating school in Kentucky.

- ✓ Neither students nor their parents have to fill out any forms to earn money for higher education with KEES award.

How a College Degree Can Stack Up in Cash



Level of Education	Average Earnings
Grade 9-12, No Diploma	\$23,400
High School Graduate	\$30,400
Some College, No Degree	\$36,800
Associate Degree	\$38,200
Bachelor's Degree	\$52,200
Master's Degree	\$62,300
Doctorate	\$89,400
Professional Degree	\$109,600

Now's the time to get students thinking about the advantages of higher education. This chart illustrates how income dramatically increases as the education level increases.

Median Earnings by Educational Level
(From Current Population Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, September 2001)

KASFAA Workshops



KHEAA will participate in the fall series of High School Counselor Training Workshops, coordinated by the Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (KASFAA). Middle school, high school, vocational education and vocational rehabilitation counselors are invited to

attend any of the nine free, one-day training workshops focusing on college financial aid programs and other important student services. Each participant will receive a certificate of attendance for six hours of credit applicable toward Instructional Leadership Training requirements.

Registration packets were mailed in late September. If you did not get a registration packet, you can register online at www.kasfaa.com.

KHEAA will provide an update on the KEES program as well as information about other KHEAA student aid programs and services.

The following organizations are contributing their resources and personnel to provide informative and worthwhile sessions: ACT, KASFAA, KDE,



and KHEAA. Host colleges and financial institutions are also contributing.

The workshops, which begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 3:15 p.m., are scheduled for:

November 5	Murray State University
November 6	Madisonville Community College
November 11	Morehead State University
November 12	Prestonsburg Community College
November 13	Union College
November 18	Western Kentucky University
November 19	University of Louisville
November 20	Thomas More College
November 21	Georgetown College